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SUBJECT: CONSTITUENT TRAVEL

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1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL, DEPT HAS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING "JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER" WHICH MAY BE OF USE TO EMBASSY IN SEEKING APPOINTMENTS FOR DOIZAKI AND MUKAEDA. CENTER EXPANSION PLANS, WHICH ARE STILL IN PLANNING STAGE, CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS/MUSEUM BUILDING, THEATER AND GYMNASIUM. CENTER HOPES TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATED AT \$7.2 MILLION, HALF FROM JAPANESE PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND HALF FROM PRIVATE SOURCES IN US. COSTS OF LAND ACQUISITION ARE BEING SUBSIDIZED BY FEDERAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE LARGER REDEVELOPMENT OF "LITTLE TOKYO" OF WHICH CENTER IS A PART. WHILE CENTER'S BROCHURE INDICATES THAT GOJ HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE UNSPECIFIED CONTRIBUTION PROVIDED FUND RAISING IN US IS SUCCESSFUL, DEPT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC GOJ FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO PROJECT.

2. DEPT HAS LEARNED THAT CENTER DEVELOPERS MAY HAVE DISCUSSED PLANS WITH FORMER PRIMIN SATO, THEN FONMIN
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FUKUDA OR ACCOMPANYING PARTY DURING SAN CLEMENTE SUMMIT

MEETING IN JAN 1971. THEY APPARENTLY HOPE THAT PRIMIN
MIKI'S CONNECTIONS WITH USC MAY INCLINE HIM TO SUPPORT
CULTURAL CENTER.

3. DOIZAKI AND MUKAEDA WILL BE IN TOKYO APRIL 5-10,

NAGOYA-APRIL 10-14, OSAKA-APRIL 14-17, FUKUOKA-APRIL 17-
22, HIROSHIMA-APRIL 23, AND TOKYO-APRIL 23-27. INGERSOLL

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